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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-44, 49, and 53.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

45. A method for ameliorating a cause of a neurodegenerative disease in a patient at risk for developing the neurodegenerative disease which method comprises administering to said patient a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically